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1. It has been established that the Birkenwerder-Karow S-Bahn line in Berlin has not yet been completed. Construction is progressing along the entire track. As of 3 September 1952, the main track had been laid about 1.5 kilometers from Birkenwerder Bahnhof in the direction of Bergfelde. Further on towards Karow, the roadbed is still being prepared.

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2. [redacted] in various places along the stretch, vibration on the work-track had caused slides in which some workers had been killed. The number of those killed and injured is not known since the Volkspolizei accident squad immediately appeared and removed the victims. The greatest difficulties have been caused by the raised bed near Mühlenbeck. Dirt has been piled to a height of about 10 meters; since the earth is mostly sand, it collapses frequently.

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3. Near Karow, [redacted] early in September a locomotive with three or four cars attached left a raised bed killing the train crew. The labor gang is now busy rebuilding the bed.

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